



TUESDAY EVENING, SEP. 12, 1905.

The next branch of the Department of Agriculture which, it is said, will come into the department's searchlight is the Bureau of Forestry. Secretary Wilson's present western trip is said to have been primarily for the purpose of rectifying some gross irregularities that it is alleged exist in the Black Hills forest reserve. It is claimed by those who have followed the recent disclosures of "graft" in that department that the end is yet a long way off, and that other high officials and "trusted" employees are as deep in the mire as were those who have been dismissed or let out under the cloak of resigning. It is freely said that the President has not in all cases thought the investigations were carried deeply enough, or that the punishment meted out to the wrong-doers was in all cases what would be justified by the evidence adduced, and the President is not the only one who entertains these views. Secretary Wilson in his Agriculture Department seems to have grown a wonderful crop of grafters.

At the Maryland republican convention last week, as stated in the Gazette at that time, a platform was adopted containing the declaration that the republican party of the State "favors no social equality among the races, favors no negro domination over the white people here or elsewhere and can be depended upon to guard against the establishment of either of these conditions in Maryland." Only eight negroes were present, as compared with ten times as many at former conventions. This action, in addition to the well-known opinion of Secretary Root that the experiment of suffrage for the emancipated negroes had proved a failure, is thought to foreshadow a new policy on the question of negro suffrage by the next national republican convention.

IN SPITE of the fact that civil war veterans are dying at the rate of about 500 a month, and that 6,000 pensioners died last year, the greatest number ever on the pension rolls was shown on January 1 of this year; namely, 1,496,000 persons. The annual value of the roll on June 30 was \$136,755,295. The number of claims allowed under Roosevelt's age order, in effect 1904, up to June 30, 1905, 2. This shows that while some pensioners must die, none resign.

GENERAL LEONARD WOOD, who recently returned to the Philippines, reports that in the Island of Mindanao the natives have been "pacified" to such a degree that American officials may now travel with safety where a strong guard was formerly necessary. Though it was rather sanguinary, there is no question of the effectiveness of the latest "pacification" of the Moros. They will never again disturb the halcyon peace of the island. Dead Moros are good Moros, according to Gen. Wood.

ALREADY more than \$15,000,000 of gold from the Alaskan and Klondike gold fields has been deposited in the Treasury at Washington, and it is estimated that the total will exceed \$20,000,000. This gold will pass into circulation promptly by the issuance of gold certificates, and the republicans will claim that their policy of government is responsible for this increase in the money circulation.

MAYOR RIDGICK, of Norfolk, is one of the first mayors in Virginia who have not sanctioned the organization of a Virginia league of municipalities. He says such an organization would be expensive and could accomplish but little good. In this he is about right. There are too many organizations in this country already.

IT APPEARS that the mutual insurance companies in New York are not operated on the mutual plan. It is only the directors of the companies who act to ward each other on this reciprocal plan when it comes to a distribution of spoils.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, D. C., Sept. 12. Robert H. Talley, of Richmond, has been appointed United States District Attorney for the Eastern district of Virginia, vice Judge Lewis who has resigned to conduct his candidacy for governor on an independent republican ticket. Mr. Talley has been Judge Lewis' assistant for some time past. The acceptance of Judge Lewis' resignation by the President will be a surprise to many Virginia republicans who believed that the place would be kept open for him till after he is defeated for governor of his State next November.

The National Association of Master Bakers, 300 strong, opened their annual convention in this city today. Owing to a sprained ankle, President Martin Simon, of Cincinnati, O., was unable to be present. His address was read by Vice-President Adolph Botter, of St. Louis, Mo. District Commissioner Henry L. West welcomed the bread-makers to Washington. "It is peculiarly appropriate that bakers should meet in Washington," he said. "Government pie is sweeter and more plentiful in this city than in any other in the country." "Does it pay the baker to make a cheap quality of bread?" was the subject of a paper read by William Fisch, of Birmingham, Ala. He drew the conclusion that cheap bread, being less wholesome, less nutritious and consequently less satisfactory to customers drove trade from the baker who produced it, and if all the bakers of a community furnished cheap bread, consumers would make their own. Reasonably good bread, in a reasonable sized loaf, he said, was a bread winner.

According to recent reports of the Bureau of Labor of the Department of Commerce and Labor, the cost of living in America has increased more rapidly than the increase of wages. Shorter hours and slightly increased wages in 1904 did not effect the large increase in the price of food stuffs, such as Irish potatoes, flour and lard. The total number employed last year was slightly below that of 1903 and despite the increase in wages the total weekly earnings was also lower. It is estimated that the average cost of food per family in the United States in 1904 was \$347.10. In 1896 it was 17 per cent less. The cost of food is estimated as representing 42.54 per cent of all family expenditures.

Major General Corbin, commanding the army in the Philippines, preaches a little sermon on the virtue of frugality in an official order issued to his troops, a copy of which has just reached Washington. Commenting on the deplorable fact that most of the men who have served their terms of enlistment find themselves without funds, he says: "This is a lesson that should not be lost sight of by those remaining in the service. Every employe should resolve, and make good the resolution, from this time on to deposit at the end of each month at least ten per cent of his pay with a savings bank. Had the men now discharged and in want saved one half of ten per cent they would have much more than enough to take them to their homes, or, better yet, perhaps, to allow them to live here in comfort until other employment could be obtained. Here in these islands an obligation rests upon every one in the public service to do his part in the work of building up and the betterment of the natives around about us. This responsibility rests on all, and not on the few. Honest, sober, industrious frugal lives on the part of all is a requirement of those in every branch of the service."

It is now announced at the State Department that the reception to Prince Louis, of Battenburg, who is to visit this country next month with a British cruiser squadron, will be held at New York instead of at Newport as previously arranged. Col. R. M. Thompson, of New York, a member of the Annapolis Naval Academy Alumni Association, called at the State Department this morning for the purpose of ascertaining the programme for the official courtesies that are to be extended to the distinguished visitor in order that arrangements for private entertainments may be made without conflicting therewith. Prince Louis after visiting New York will sail down to Annapolis where he will be given a dinner by the Alumni Association at the Academy. He will then bring his fleet up the Potomac to Washington. The detailed programme of his movements has yet to be prepared.

President Roosevelt has dismissed Lawrence Brown, an inspector of the Interior Department, located at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Browne met and married a chorus girl in a single day. Before the marriage he gave a champagne supper. His conduct was reported to the President who immediately ordered his dismissal.

The employees of the government printing office will be paid today. Yesterday was the salary day but there was some question as to the legality of Mr. Rickerts drawing the \$90,000 necessary to pay the weekly salaries. This has been straightened out by the Treasury Department and the "ghost" will walk today.

The National Council, Order of American Mechanics, assembled in this city today for a three days' annual session. Typhoid fever in this city is on the wane, fewer deaths and a fewer number of cases being reported to the Health Office daily. The sewerage plant is responsible for this improved condition.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Armstrong legislative committee, which is investigating life insurance conditions, resumed the sessions in New York today.

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., payable October 15. Books close September 18 and reopen October 6.

The German freight steamer, the Janette and the Pretoria, bound from Hamburg to Mediterranean ports, foundered in the North Sea. Their crews, numbering 35, were drowned.

One man electrocuted, another dying at the hospital at Waterbury, Conn., and a third seriously burned is the result of a live wire accident, at the factory of the Seville Manufacturing Company, this morning.

The Black Diamond express on the Lehigh Valley Railroad ran into a buggy containing two men at Fisherville, east of Rochester, N. Y., last night, killing both occupants of the vehicle. Both bodies were cut to pieces and the victims of the accident have not yet been identified.

The summer home of William Thompson, at Harmony Grove, N. H., was destroyed by fire this morning and two persons were burned to death. The victims are Wm. Thompson and Mrs. Lydia Thurston. How the fire originated has not yet been ascertained.

Jealous Negro's Deed.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 12.—Mad with jealous rage because his affections had been cast aside for a young Philadelphia negro, Jess Gibson, a colored hod carrier, of this city, smashed in the window of the room in the house at No. 154 Doughty avenue, where Helen Godfrey, a comely colored waitress, was sleeping, just before daylight and plunged a knife into the woman's breast a half dozen times. The woman died within an hour in the hospital. Gibson, a giant negro over six feet in height, made his escape, but was captured at 8 o'clock this morning.

Massacre of Jews. Berlin, Sept. 12.—The Berliner Tageblatt says that a massacre of Jews has occurred at Kremenchuk, Russia. Col. Stessenko, commander of a regiment of Cossacks, gave the command to his troops to slaughter all the Jewish citizens of the place. The soldiers proceeded with the butchery of the helpless Hebrews. No details have been received yet as to the number of casualties, but they are known to have been exceedingly heavy.

News of the Day.

Twelve persons were killed and many injured by the accident to the elevated railway cars in New York yesterday.

The annual session of the Grand Council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Men, began in Nashville, Tenn., yesterday.

The winter home of Thomas W. Lawson, on Back Bay, Boston, was sold for unpaid taxes, with two other pieces of property owned by him. His florist was the purchaser.

A committee representing Boston councils of the Royal Arcanum is considering an appeal to the courts to enjoin the Supreme Council from carrying the increased rates into effect.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Esther A. Dehaven, wife of Caleb Dehaven, is dead at her home, in Frederick county, aged 73 years.

The campaign prior to the wet and dry election, which will be held in Danville Thursday, is beginning to warm up.

Two state convicts escaped from a road-working force near Lynchburg yesterday and have not yet been located. They were "trustees."

Senator J. A. Camden, of West Virginia, has purchased of Charles H. Kemper, the Cedar Grove farm in Fauquier county, containing 103 acres, for \$10,000. Up to the time of this sale the farm had been owned by the Kemper family for 160 years.

A census bulletin just issued shows the per capita wealth of the city of Richmond to be greater than that of any other city of the South, and far greater than that of the vast majority of the cities of the country. The wealth, per capita, of Richmond is \$947.49. The per capita wealth of Norfolk is \$516.94.

State Chairman Elyson will open headquarters Richmond next week, with Secretary Joseph Patton in charge. The campaign will begin with a speech at Hanover Court House next Monday by Congressman Claude A. Swanson, nominee for Governor. Governor Montague is expected to speak at Lovington, Nelson county, September 25.

The farmers' national congress met in Richmond today in its twenty-fifth annual session and will be in session about ten days, about a week of which will be given up to excursions to places of interest. There will be addresses by Congressmen Livingston, of Georgia; Adams, of Wisconsin; John Lamb, of Virginia, and by Gov. Montague.

The railroad companies of the State will appear before the corporation commission at Richmond today to file whatever objection they may have to the fixing of a date for the enforcement of rates and classifications recently promulgated by the commission for the government of railroads. It is understood that all the railroads will protest, and will ask time in which to prepare their answer.

By direction of Gov. Montague, Registrar of the Land Office Richardson has notified William L. Royall, chairman of the citizens' committee for pure politics, that the Capital square can be used by him for a mass meeting next Saturday night. The object of the meeting is to call on the Richmond electoral board to resign. Mr. Royall applied formally for use of the square, application having been made by State Senator W. P. Barksdale.

According to former Congressman W. F. Rhes, one of the most influential men in Southwest Virginia, his section will send a solid delegation to the next State convention, should there be such a body, to protest against the primary plan, to which, he says, the people of this wide section, having tried it, are more opposed than ever. He believes the sentiment against it will be widespread, and that there will be a return to the convention and mass meeting method of nomination.

As had been intimated in the Gazette, ninety-eight out of 101 union printers went out on strike in Richmond yesterday afternoon as the result of the refusal of the employing printers to allow them an eight-hour day with present pay after January 1 next. The Typothetae, composed of the job office proprietors, was yesterday morning notified that the printers must have an answer to their demand by 4 p. m. The body was in session for some time, and finally refused to agree to the terms. The men wanted the matter settled soon, saying that if they waited until January 1, the employers would have made arrangements to thwart them. It is said that the printers have been laying up money for some time and are in good financial shape for the fight. The newspapers in Richmond are not affected.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Following are the proceedings of the Court of Appeals at Staunton yesterday. J. L. Oney vs. West Buena Vista Land Company, from Circuit Court of Rockbridge; argued and submitted. R. S. Clarke vs. John E. Roller, from Circuit Court of Rockingham; argued and submitted.

Stout vs. Stout, from Circuit Court of Augusta; argued and continued.

Peace in Manchuria.

The meeting of representatives of the Japanese and Russian armies to effect an armistice takes place Wednesday, the 13th.

More than 20,500 Russian officers and men are sick or wounded in the hospitals.

The Japanese army will soon withdraw to Mukden.

Should the railroad be turned over to the Japanese at Chianufu, Kirin province would be under Japanese influence, a very undesirable condition for Russia.

Russian military officers say several important questions in Manchuria should be settled before the armies retire.

Should Japan keep the railroad, Russia must pay her, instead of China, \$75,000,000 in addition to cost of keeping Russian prisoners.

Virginia Quarantined.

Acting under instructions from the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, Dr. C. P. Wertheimacher, the local representative of the service at Atlanta, has written a letter to the Georgia State Board of Health.

He states that under the interstate quarantine regulations persons from infected territory will not be allowed to stop in Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Va., or any other point within infected territory until they have been absent from infected territory for six days.

The Democratic Primary.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

About a week ago, to strengthen the nerves of some discrediting democrats, who, viewing the great discrepancy between the total vote expected and the total vote cast at the recent primary, you published the election figures in the Eighth district showing an increase over the vote cast for the party at the election last fall. Now for the making of some democrats the victims of overconfidence and thus further weakening your already tottering cause, had you not better call attention to the vote cast in the primary in the Fifth, Mr. Swanson's district, where the combined vote cast for Messrs. Swanson, Mann and Willard was exactly 1,705 less than the vote given Mr. Swanson last fall.

REPUBLICAN.

[We have not at hand the vote cast for Congressmen in the Fifth district last fall. The correspondent's figures are no doubt correct, for it is well known that the democratic Congressmen received a larger vote in the State than did Judge Parker, Mr. Rixey's in this district largely exceeding the democratic presidential candidate. The figures 1705 have no special bearing on what will be Mr. Swanson's vote in the Fifth district next November. It is known by the correspondent, for the reason that he is one of the most astute politicians in the city, that the vote in November next will be compared with the vote cast for Parker and for Roosevelt. In the presidential contest Parker received, 80,664; Roosevelt, 48,181. Parker received in the fifth district 7,366 votes and a majority of 1,372. The combined vote for governor cast on August 22 was 7,138, only 176 less than was cast for Parker. This is not all, and as the correspondent might have done so but did not, we will give some further figures from the Fifth district. Roosevelt was admittedly strong last year and his vote was 5,994. Now, Mr. Swanson's vote last month was 5,865 in a primary contest or only 129 votes less than were cast for Roosevelt. The correspondent need not worry as to any democrats having "a feeling of uneasiness or becoming 'the victims of overconfidence,'" and as to weakening from an "already tottering cause" we know, and no one knows better than the correspondent, the claims made in 1889 of 15,000 majority for Mahone when McKenney defeated him by 42,000. All this recalls the picture of that horrid pig printed at that time by an Alexandria printer.]

Fighting in the Caucasus. Private telegrams from Baku reports that the situation there is growing worse. It is asserted that the rioters are stubbornly continuing their attacks, and that the Tartars and Kurds are plundering the Capital square can be used by him for a mass meeting next Saturday night. The object of the meeting is to call on the Richmond electoral board to resign. Mr. Royall applied formally for use of the square, application having been made by State Senator W. P. Barksdale.

Execution of a Murderer. Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Henry W. Manzer, the Oswego county farm hand who murdered pretty 12-year-old Cora Sweet, was successfully electrocuted in Auburn prison at 6:15 o'clock this morning. Manzer's crime was one of the most brutal and nauseating in the criminal history of the county of Oswego. His victim was a winsome child of twelve years, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer who resided in the town of Scriba, a few miles from the city of Oswego. Manzer was a farm hand employed on a neighboring farm. On Sunday morning, May 28, Manzer met the little girl as she was on her way to Sunday school, lured her into a piece of woods not far distant from the highway, and then killed her by pounding her head into a shapeless mass with a stone. By his own confession Manzer said that he had also assaulted the child. Feeling against the man after his arrest ran high and he narrowly escaped being lynched. Manzer was 30 years of age. Physicians declared him a moral degenerate.

Royal Arcanum. Boston, Sept. 12.—At yesterday's meeting of the committee of fifteen, a delegation to the Royal Arcanum conference to concert measures to have the courts set aside the new rates was appointed to represent the Massachusetts protestants. Within a few days the protesting committee from Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rhode Island and other States will have a conference in New York city to agree upon new measures to be taken against the rates. A statement by the committee of fifteen says "communications received from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and New Jersey indicated that legal proceedings were sure to be opened at once." These legal proceedings will be guided doubtless by a committee of lawyers which the conference will appoint to see the matter through the courts. The conference will not take such action without the most careful deliberation, however, and there are members of the Massachusetts committee who object to taking legal steps except as the last resort.

The Envoy. New York, Sept. 12.—M. Witte, the Russian peace envoy, with his entire suite of aides and secretaries will sail for home at 3 o'clock this afternoon on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. It had been arranged to hold a reception at the Produce Exchange this morning, but this was cancelled. Before sailing M. Witte again expressed in eloquent and seemingly sincere terms his appreciation of the official and personal courtesies extended to him and associates during their stay in the United States.

Baron Komura, the Japanese peace envoy, may not be able to start on his trip toward home Thursday as arranged. He is still confined to his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria, and his attendants are very reticent about making any statement concerning his indisposition. It is expected, however, that the arrangements of the Japanese for leaving here Thursday for the Pacific coast will be carried out.

Victims of the Accident. New York, Sept. 12.—Ten victims of the elevated railroad curve disaster remain in Roosevelt hospital, and of these four are likely to die. Experts declare that the accident was entirely due to the company's parsimony in not having installed a switching and signal service adequate to its traffic demands. An effort will be made at the inquiry to fix the blame for the disaster, to bring out that the company by the expenditure of \$25,000 could have removed the antiquated flat rail curve maintained at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue, and which was a constant menace to the lives and safety of its patrons from the moment it began operating heavy electric motor cars. A raised rail curve would have obviated it, it is declared, such an accident as yesterday's.

Disorders in Spain. Valencia, Spain, Sept. 12.—An attempt by monarchists to break up a meeting of republicans here last night was followed by shooting in which 23 persons were wounded. It is feared that five of the injured will die. The republicans won a victory in the election on Sunday and a meeting was held last night to celebrate their success. While the meeting was in progress monarchists made an attack on the gathering. In the confusion many shots were fired with the result stated.

A Remedy Without a Peer. "I find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used for stomach trouble," says J. P. Klotz, of Edina, Mo. For any disorder of the stomach, biliousness or constipation, these Tablets are without a peer. For sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

Startling Mortality. Statistics show startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these deadly diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. E. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at E. S. Lendbester, & Sons, druggists.

The Market. Georgetown, Sept. 12.—Wheat 60.80.

Today's Telegraphic News

Horror in the Caucasus. St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—The latest advices in regard to the fighting in the Caucasus is of a most disquieting nature. The struggle which has been in progress between Tartars and Armenians has now assumed the aspect of a holy war. Tartars have openly proclaimed such a war and are engaged in an effort to exterminate all Armenians.

The situation has been made worse by the fact that Tartars from Persia are being sent into Russian districts to take part in this warfare of the Armenians. The trouble has reached a climax in the Caucasian districts of Zengezur and Jebel-Rail. The Tartars are massacring Armenians in great numbers without distinction of age or sex. The country is swarming with Tartar bands who are engaged in this work of extermination. Many thousands of Tartar horsemen have crossed the Perso-Russian frontier and have joined the insurgents in destroying the Armenian villages.

In some instances the Tartar bands are led by Tartar police officials. At the village of Minkind three hundred Armenians were massacred amid scenes of great horror. Mutilated children were tossed to the dogs, according to the dispatches, and a few survivors were allowed to purchase their lives by embracing Islamism.

Tiflis, Russian Caucasus, Sept. 12.—A conflict occurred here today between Cossacks and social democrats in which 100 of the social democrats were killed or wounded. Many others were trampled to death in a panic, which occurred subsequently.

Social democrats to the number of 2,000 forced an entrance to the town hall which was closed for the celebration of a religious holiday, observing the beheading of John the Baptist.

Speeches of a revolutionary nature were made and the chief of police ordered the meeting to close and the people to disperse. Some of those present obeyed the order, but others did not, and a few revolver shots were fired. Cossacks who had been drawn up outside the building then fired several volleys which killed 30 persons in the crowd and wounded seventy others. A panic ensued immediately and many persons were trampled in the rush of the people from the spot.

Vienna, Sept. 12.—Armenian refugees from various parts of the Caucasus, who fled from the scene of fighting between Tartars and Armenians, have arrived here and tell startling tales of the horrors of the bloody warfare which has been in progress. One of the stories relates to the manner in which a wealthy Armenian merchant by the name of Adamoff, who was known as the best shot in Baku, defended his house against the attack of several hundred Tartars. Armed with several guns Adamoff kept a close guard over his house. When the Tartars attacked him he opened a hard fire on them from the windows. His wife and child loaded the guns as fast as he could fire them, and in this way he kept the mob at bay for several hours, killing or wounding forty-seven of the besiegers. Finally the Tartars succeeded in setting fire to the house and Adamoff and his family were incinerated.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—A report from Baku says that Tartars are desecrating the churches in that region. In one instance at Ikou, the image of the Virgin Mary was ridiculed with bullets, and the words "All Christians are foul," were written across it.

Batumi, Russia, Sept. 12.—Anti-Christian agitation is growing among Mussulmans here. A letter inciting the populace to violence has been seized by the authorities.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—Dispatches received today from various parts of the Caucasus indicate that the troubles which have been in progress there for so many days are still continuing. According to one report Tartars are engaged in pillaging Armenian monasteries. Women and children and the inmates of these institutions have been ruthlessly murdered. Scenes of indescribable horror have been enacted throughout the district in which these outrages have been perpetrated. Business is at a standstill and most of the industries have been practically destroyed. This is particularly true of the silk, naphtha, and copper industries, and the fishing trade, which have suffered heavily during the fighting. Property to an enormous value has been destroyed, and even if money is forthcoming it will require a long time to restore the business.

A dispatch from Tiflis says that the number of casualties during the fighting there reaches thirty killed and sixty wounded.

At Batumi Tartar agents have proclaimed a holy war.

Japanese Battleship Destroyed. London, Sept. 12.—The correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company at Tokio wires that the Japanese battleship Mikasa caught fire and sank at 2:30 a. m., yesterday. The Mikasa was one of the most powerful of the warships in the Japanese navy. She was Admiral Togo's flagship and was used by him personally in the recent great battle with the Russian fleet in the sea of Japan and suffered the heaviest loss. She lost sixty-three of her crew in killed and wounded. She also took a prominent part in the battle off Port Arthur on August 10, 1904. The Mikasa was a first class battleship of 15,200 tons displacement. She was built in England and was launched in 1902. The vessel was 400 feet long, 76 feet beam, and drew 27 1/2 feet of water. Her indicated horse power was 16,481, which gave her a speed of over 18 knots. She carried 935 officers and men.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—The loss of life caused by the sinking of the battleship Mikasa, Admiral Togo's flagship, totals 599 men and officers. This includes a number of men sent from other ships to rescue the vessel. The following details in regard to the destruction of the warship, were made public this afternoon by the Navy Department: "The battleship caught fire from an unknown cause at midnight September 10. The flames reached the after magazine before the fire could be subdued, and this exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the Mikasa, below the water line. This caused the vessel to sink. An investigation has been started to determine the cause of the fire."

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Sold by J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Found by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

From Richmond. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Sept. 12.—The corporation commission today granted the railroad companies until November 24 to file complete answers in the rate cases and hearings on these answers will be on December 5. The commission will then determine whether the regulations already made will be modified.

The farmers' congress opened today with speeches of welcome by the mayor and governor. Few Virginia delegates are attending.

The board of education is in session on the school register matter and will sit nearly all day.

Fresh Volcano Formed. Paris, Sept. 12.—The correspondent of the Petit Parisien at Rome telegraphs that a fresh volcano has formed fifteen kilometers from Montalto in the province of Cosenza. In the three districts of Calabria commerce has been almost completely destroyed and fully 200,000 people have practically been ruined. Difficulty is being experienced in organizing the relief work in the district devastated by the earthquake. King Victor Emmanuel is expected to remain a week in Calabria.

Reported Assassination. New York, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Rome today says the Tribuna of that city had received a dispatch from Tientsin, saying that the family of Baron Komura, the Japanese envoy, had been assassinated. At the rooms of the Japanese envoys at the Waldorf Astoria this afternoon this report was denied by one of the Japanese representatives.

Another Failure. Dover, Eng., Sept. 12.—The latest attempt of Burgess to swim the English channel has met with the same lack of success which has marked his former efforts. The latest trial was made last night. Burgess was compelled to give up at 2:45 o'clock, after completing six miles of the swim. He was taken with cramps and overcome by seasickness.

Jealous Man Kills Widow. Youngstown, O., Sept. 12.—Joseph Woosock, a Slav laborer, aged 28, shot and killed Mrs. Mary Rish, a widow, aged 34, at her boarding house, this morning, sending a bullet into her left breast. Jealousy is assigned as the cause. It is stated he had been rejected by Mrs. Rish. Woosock surrendered himself to the police.

Yellow Fever. New Orleans, Sept. 12.—For the first time since the yellow fever epidemic was declared, there were no deaths yesterday, although 38 cases were reported. Nine new cases are reported from Patterson and other cases are quite generally reported from other points.

Up to noon today 12 new cases of yellow and one death from the disease were reported.

Wife Murder and Suicide. Boston, Sept. 12.—John W. Reysse, after murdering his wife at her home in Cambridgeport, last night, remained with the body all night, and then, early today, killed himself by sending a bullet into his own brain. It is believed that jealousy was the motive for the man's act.

Cruelty and Abuse of Authority. Berlin, Sept. 12.—Corporal Thau, of the Grenadiers Guards, has been sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment on charges of cruelty and abuse of authority. The charges against the officer included 345 cases of abuse and 106 instances of abuse of authority.

Death of Chief Justice Simmons. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—Chief Justice T. J. Simmons, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, died here this morning. He was 68 years of age. He was a colonel with General Lee at the surrender at Appomattox.

Baseball. Alexandria, Va., Sept. 12. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette.

In order to give justice to the Del Ray Baseball Club, I wish to contradict the statement in your paper several days ago in regard to the championship of the Alexandria Baseball League. The Invincibles are not the champions. The official standing of the clubs is as follows: Del Ray, first; Invincibles, second. The above mentioned teams played on the old fair grounds last Wednesday but the Del Ray club refused to play off the postponed game on the ground that the season was over and as postponed games are left altogether with the managers of the concerned clubs, neither team can be made to play this game off. The managers of the respective teams agreed, before play commenced, that the game would be an exhibition game; therefore the statement that the Invincibles had won the pennant is unofficial. Respectfully, DEL RAY BASEBALL CLUB.

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